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Peter Goldstein, et al.

Application No.: 09/976,555

Group Art Unit: 2873

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Examiner: R. Mack

For: CLOSED-LOOP FOCAL POSITIONING
SYSTEM AND METHOD

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to and including November 1, 2003 to respond to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2003. Our check in the amount of \$55.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) is enclosed.

In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

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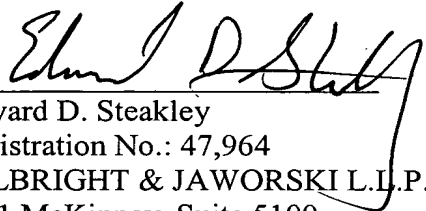
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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. HO-P02306US0.

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Respectfully submitted,

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